

CHS NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS

National Public Health Week

This is National Public Health Week. A copy of Healthy Kentuckians 2010 will be presented to Secretary Jimmy Helton on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Health Services Auditorium.

Medical Laboratory Week

This week also marks the 25th anniversary of National Medical Laboratory (NML) Week. The NML theme this year is *Laboratory Professionals – Guiding Healthcare into the New Millennium*. Laboratory Week and Public Health Week provides the opportunity to promote awareness and demonstrate the importance of laboratories in our communities. It also recognizes dedicated laboratory professionals for sustaining a high standard of healthcare and public health.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Research shows that smoking causes more major diseases than any other personal habit -- cancer of the lung, mouth, bladder and throat; heart and lung disease; and strokes. Every time children and others are around cigarette smoke, they breathe poisons that can cause asthma or cancer. It's never too late to stop smoking.

Put On Your Apron And Start Cooking

Chili And Dessert Contest Set For April 12

The March of Dimes Office of Program Support's team captains are putting the fun in fundraising with a chili and dessert contest on April 12. The deadline for entries is April 5.

Judges will decide who claims the prizes for first and second place in both the chili and dessert categories. The edible event will occur in the area outside Secretary Helton's office. Judging begins at



11 a.m. and then all entries will be sold along with drinks starting at 11:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$5 for one item and \$7.50 to enter both chili and a dessert in the contest. For more information or an entry form, contact Kathey Irvin, 564-8890; Dora Kerns, 564-2781, ext. 3904; Ricky Spaulding, 564-2781, ext. 3913; or Glenda Carmack, 564-7510, ext. 3881.

Another March of Dimes fundraiser will be held on April 6 for employees who want to wear jeans and pay \$2. For more information about "Blue Jeans for Babies Day" call Charlene Nation, 564-7770, ext. 3571.

Security Plan For Building Near Completion

Significant strides are being made toward enhancing overall security in the CHR Building.

Security badges have been issued to all employees in the CHR Building and to those working at other sites with business in the building. Each cabinet is responsible for the security badges issued to its own employees/users. The Human Resources Branch coordinates the security badge process for the Cabinet for Health Services. The actual photos are taken at the Kentucky State Police's Post 12 on Louisville Road. Badges mis-

placed for longer than three days are considered missing and must be replaced at a cost of \$5 to the employee.

Security committee members from all facility tenant groups are reviewing a draft of the new security procedure guide. It will explain the overall security program, including its purpose, how to obtain and use badges, procedures for assisting outside visitors, and how building security will be maintained. There is a lobby area redesign display on the first floor between the Help Desk and the escalators.

Supervisor Training Available

If you are a supervisor and are interested in doing the best job possible, consider taking advantage of the training being offered by the Human Resources Branch. The training is geared to help supervisors be more effective. Come and learn about your legal responsibilities, how to deal with difficult

employees, and how to let employees know what you expect of them.

Training is scheduled for April 25-27 and May 24-26 in the Distance Communication Center, Room A from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Contact Priscilla McCowan at 502/564-5705, ext. 3906. She maybe reached at priscilla.mccowan@mail.state.ky.us.

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Three Children die each day in the United States from abuse and/or neglect. It is fitting that we remember these children and others each April during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

More than 3 million children nationwide were reported to child protective services as potential victims of child abuse and neglect in 1998. Of these reports, more than 1 million were substantiated. In Kentucky, 55,316 children were reported as being victims of abuse or neglect to CFC during the same year. 28,341 of those reports were substantiated. Eight children died

as a result of child abuse or neglect.

Abused children are more likely to suffer emotional and psychological problems. The Department for Mental Health and Retardation Services works diligently with various sexual abuse and rape programs

funded by CHS to address the issue of child abuse through prevention and education programs presented by schools, professionals, and communities. The sooner abuse is detected and reported the sooner a child can receive the mental health services necessary to put them on the road to healing.

**KIDS ARE
WORTH IT!**

Move Work Keeps Moving; Walls Are Up

The walls are up in the new 5th floor executive pod. May 15th is the target date for moving the senior staff into their new quarters. At the same time, the remaining Aging Services staff will rejoin the rest of their group at 100 Fair Oaks. As always, the moves are subject to change based on a variety of factors such as availability of movers and other unpredict-

able events.

Hats off to Finance. The construction crews are making excellent progress and routinely handling last minute adjustments.

Our own Lori Gibson is working feverishly to keep pace with the domino-like moving phases. Stay tuned for more moving updates.

Take Your Child To Work Sometime This Month

CHS is encouraging employees to participate in the "Take Our Children To Work Day" during the month of April. No single day is being designated because of different school testing schedules.



This activity provides an opportunity for employees to share a wide range of work experiences with adolescent boys and girls. It's also a chance to make a visit to our workplace a meaningful experience for our children.

Employees are asked to make sure the experience benefits the students and does not cause any disruption to cabinet work.

Spring Sale April 14

The annual Spring Product Sale held by Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs will be April 14 in the CHR Building lobby from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Furniture, wood products, stools and candy will be sold.

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